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1. A CURRENT JOKE IN VIENNA, ACCORDING TO RUDOLPH BOGNER, AUSTRIAN DCM HERE, IS THAT THE YUGOSLAVS MUST BE THE GREATEST MUSICIANS IN THE WORLD. YOU SENT THEM ONE NOTE AND THEY PLAY IT FOR WEEKS. THIS IS AN UNFORTUNATELY ACCURATE IF OFFBEAT CHARACTERIZATION OF HOW THE YUGOSLAVS ARE HANDLING THE AUSTRIAN NOTE OF DEC 2 ON THE SITUATION OF SLOVENE AND CROATIAN MINORITIES IN AUSTRIA. THE WAVE OF ACID YUGOSLAV MEDIA COMMENT CRESTED DURING THE WEEKEND OF DEC 14-15 WITH PUBLICATION OF PORTIONS OF THE TEXT AND COMMENTS BY ALL PUBLICATIONS AND MEDIA OF ANY CONSEQUENCE. IT HAS CONTINUED ON THROUGH THE WEEK, HOWEVER, WITH VARIOUS SOCIAL ORGANIZATIONS GETTING INTO THE ACT. THE CULMINATION OF THE TRADE UNION CONGRESS PRESUMBALY WILL GIVE RISE TO YET ANOTHER STATEMENT.

2. IN A LENGTHY DISCUSSION WITH AN EMBASSY OFFICER BOGNER SHARED HIS PUZZLEMENT OVER AND FRUSTRATION AT YUGOSLAV ACTIONS. HE DID NOT PUSH THE THEORY MENTIONED BY THE AUSTRIAN AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON (REF A) THAT YUGOSLAV ACTIONS COULD

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BE EXPLAINED BY THEIR INTERNAL DIFFICULTIES - THIS MAY BE

SOMETHING THAT THE AUSTRIANS WOULD LIKE TO BELIEVE SINCE IT WOULD IMPLY A SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM WITHOUT THEIR HAVING TO TAKE UNPALATABLE STEPS, BUT WE DOUBT THAT THE AUSTRIANS HERE BELIEVE IT AND, IN ANY CASE, THEY WOULD NOT TRY TO SELL IT TO US.

3. IN ADDITION TO REASONABLE OFFERED BY AUSTRIAN AMBASSADOR HERE (REF B), BOGNER DID HOWEVER RAISE A POSSIBLE YUGOSLAV MOTIVATION WHICH COULD BE A PART OF THE PICTURE. THIS HE STATED IN TERMS OF A YUGOSLAV FEELING THAT THEY MUST SETTLE THEIR MINORITY DIFFERENCES WITH AUSTRIA FIRST OR THEY WILL NOT HAVE CREDIBILITY IN FUTURE DEALINGS WITH OTHER NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES WHERE THERE ARE SIMILAR PROBLEMS. ACCORDING TO THIS THEORY, THE YUGOSLAVS KNOW THAT THEIR OTHER NEIGHBORS KNOW THERE IS A CLEAR-CUT AND WELL-DEFINED OBLIGATION UNDER THE AUSTRIAN TREATY. IF THE YUGOSLAVS DO NOT INSIST THAT ITS PROVISIONS BE FULFILLED TO THE LETTER, OTHER NEIGHBORS WILL POINT TO THEIR FAILURE TO DO SO AND, IN EFFECT, SAY "COME BACK TO US WHEN YOU HAVE GOTTEN THE AUSTRIANS TO FULFILL THEIR LEGAL OBLIGATIONS".

4. BOGNER EXPRESSED REGRET THAT THE AUSTRIANS HAD NOT FULLY COMPLIED WITH THEIR TREATY OBLIGATIONS IN THE 50S WHEN THAT COULD HAVE BEEN DONE MUCH MORE EASILY FROM THE POLITICAL VIEWPOINT, BUT WAS IRRITATED THAT THE YUGOSLAVS DO NOT TAKE AUSTRIAN POLITICAL IMPERATIVES INTO ACCOUNT, E.G., NOTHING FURTHER CAN OR WILL BE DONE IN CARINTHIA UNTIL AFTER THE MARCH ELECTIONS AND THE YUGOSLAVS KNOW IT.

5. AS FOR THE OVERALL EFFECT ON BILATERALS, A GLUM BOGNER SAID THAT IF THE YUGOSLAV CAMPAIGN IN THE MEDIA CONTINUES AND THE AUSTRIAN MEDIA (AS IT WILL) CONTINUES TO RESPOND, THE CLIMATE WHICH ENABLES A HIGH TOURISM RATE AND A FEELING OF EASE IN AUSTRIA FOR YUGOSLAV GUEST WORKERS WILL ERODE TO THE DETRIMENT OF OVERALL RELATIONS. BUT AT THIS POINT THE AUSTRIANS, BOGNER SAYS, ARE AT A LOSS AS TO WHAT TO DO TO KEEP THIS FROM HAPPENING.
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